POWERS, THE POOL PLAYER.

He Defeated De Oro but Lowered His Flag Before Manning. Albert G. Powers, the young pool expert who recently defeated De Oro for the championship of the world, and was shortly afterward treated to a like dose by Charles H. Manning, of New York, was



ALEERT G. POWERS, born in Missouri about twenty-six years ago. He was for a time employed at the Grand Pacific hotel billiard room in Chica-He was for a time employed at the go, and it was there that he developed his vonderful akill with the cue. He took part in the Brooklyn tourna-

ment in 1898 and finished third. The same year he tied with Malone for third place in the tournament held at Syracuse. Later on he defeated De Oro in Boston, winning a majority out of 100 games. In the tour-nament held in New York in January, 1850, in which the late Albert Frey competed, he came within one point of tieing Frey for first place. In February, 1890, he competed in the Syracuse tournament and the best Dr. O. C. tied with De Oro for first place. He lost

Powers is of medium height, rather slender and plays a great up hill game. He is in earnest when he says he will play any man in America continuous pool, J. L. Makone, of Chicago, and Manning pre-ferred. Powers lars his recent defeat to the tromendous lead which Manning ob-tained during the first of the three nights' play, which gave his opponent such confidence that even in spite of fine up hill work on his own part for the two remaining nights Manning got out first. Powers says: "It would not happen again like that in a lifetime, and I am positive I can beat that man. My \$100 with the Brunswick-Balke people as a forfeit to play for \$500 is enough of a guarantee that I mean to do it. But the two men I much prefer to play seem to keep quiet."

The National Anthem at Theatres. The New York Dramatic Mirror recently suggested that the theatrical orchestras of New York play the national authem after every performance as the audiences go out. This proposal was enthus hastically accepted by the managers and as soon as the curtain drops on the final act the stirring strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" ring out in every play house in New York. Nor has the matter stopped there. Every day The Mirror receives letters from man agers in towns and cities distant from New York, saying that they, too, have adopted the plan, and it seen a likely to become general throughout the country.

New Theatres in Brooklyn The hig city of Brooklyn has at present no really first class theatre, but during the soming season two new ones will be built and one old one will be remodeled.

A Lively Gelding.

St. John (aged) is a closeful gelding by Botheration, dam by Victory. He is a long striding horse that now and again last season ran well enough to justify the belief that he would be in the bunt this season for several good stakes. He is owned by L. L. Lloyd. He ran his first race this



er at Clifton on Jan. 3, and was besten by a neck by Fordham. On Jan. 8 he again ran second to Fordham. On April 18 he was again beaten by Fordham in a race for ces at three-quarters of a mile. Up to May 14 he ran in eleven races, and although never crossed the line first it is wortof notice that in but two cases he failed to run 1, 2, 3. St. John is a range, stylish

Wanted It Kept Quiet.

Mrs. Jones-Let the pie alone, you little scamp, or Pil give you a sound thrushing. Johnny-Don't make such a fuss, or the neighbors will find out what had raising I've had .- Texas Siftings.

Linus Helmich, 13 years old, is a Unicago phenomenon. He holds the position of stenographer to the chief partner of a large dry goods house, and is capable of taking 150 words a minute. He is also an expect typewriter.

Not Happily Expressed.

Opulent Pater-You will excuse my say-ing it, but I understand you are absolutely without means of your own.
Suitor (apologatically)—That is true, sir, otherwise I would not think of saking you

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W. I. Harris Tells of Some Magnates of the Diamond.

CHRIS VON DER AHE OF ST. LOUIS.

He Has Made Barrels of Money and Hasn't Stopped Yet-De Haven Robison, Cleveland's Darling-Comiskey-Wm. Stern, of Cincinnati.

Chris Von der Ahe, the president of the St. Louis club of the American association, has been one of the incident men ever connected with professional baseball. Ever sluce he entered the game in 1881 he has out an important figure and his team has won four championships. In St. Louis it is a standing saying that anything Von der Ahe touches turns to gold. He has been As tollones turns to guid. He has been especially inely in his baseball transactions. In the winter of 1850 a fet of sportsmen interested in wing shooting called upon him and asked bin to help form an association to be known as the Sportsman's Park and Club association. It was understood that this association was for baseball and shooting purposes, the gran men being more interested than the baseball men. The understanding was that weekly shoots were to be held under the auspices of the st. Louis Gun olub, and an attempt was made to carry out this programme. But the first shoot had hardly taken place when, as a result of remonstrances by citizens, the shoots were prohibited by the local authorities. Then it was that the gun

men sold their interest to Von der Ahe. The first year of this St. Louis nine in the American association was a wonder-fully lucky one. The Sunday games drew immense crowds, and for the first time be-fore or since then the summer went by without a single wet Sunday. The Browns, notwithstanding the fact that they played miserable ball and finished in sixth place, drew great crowds, and Von der Ahe cleared no less than \$78,000. The three suc oeding years were nearly as lucky. Before entering the baseball business Von der Ahe was comparatively well but the bulk of his fortune has been amassed through his immediate connec tion with the national game. His original investment was \$800. Out of that sum he has cleared upward of \$250,000. He now practically owns the St. Louis club. In fact he is the club, and his fellow directors are simply figure heads.

Von der Ahe is a quaint character. He is shrewd, cunning and pugnacious, and now that he has lost the services of Comiskey and Manson has shown that in spite of the general belief to the contrary he had much to do with the success of his With poor material to start with, and no prospect of getting any stars, Von der Ahe has not only made his fledgelings lay good ball, but has finally got together almost as good a team as any in the asso-ciation. Chris, as he is known familiarly by newspaper men, is a martinet on disciline to an extent that makes him a veritable tyrant. His methods are drive, drive, drive, and keep on driving. Still he is always ready to reward a deserving player, and this fact will probably be corroborated by even Comiskey, who used to say time and again that he would close his career on the baseball field as a member of the St. Louis club.

Mr. Von der Ahe less figured more conplenously in the public prints than most regnates—first, because he is always ready to entertain and talk with newspaper men; second, when he does he neasly niways gots into a maddle with some of his fellow magnates; and third, be-cause his peculiarities of manner and language make him a most interesting personality, and provide a fund of ma-terial for healthy imaginations unsurpassed by any other man in the business Chris is very suspicious, and is always looking for some one to try and get the best of him, and never fails to impart his suspicions in the quaintest of English to the first scribe who comes along. After all, Von der Ahe is a generous man with de-serving players, and has many good traits

The first Erown Stocking nine, under the management of Von der Ahe, was cap-tained by Comiskey. The latter came from Dubuque, In., in 1881. He had covevered first base for the nine of that city, which included such fumous players as the Gleasons, Hadbourne, Billy Taylor, Loftus, I'om Sullivan, Reis and others. Comiskey commenced his baseball career in Chiengons a member of the Liberty nine in 1874. He pitched for the Libertys, and under the old rules was quite a twirler. When he went to St. Louis he found that: Oscar Walker, of the old Brooklyn Atlanties, had been signed to cover first base for the Browns, but at Walker's own suggestion Counskey was placed at the initial bag, and he covered the point so well that he was retained, while Walker was given a permanent place in conter field.

When Comiskey first went to St. Louis his salary was \$75 a month, but his work looking horse and may yet surprise some was so good that Von der Ahe raised his of the more fancied candidates for big salary at the close of his first month's engazement, and before the season closed he was receiving a salary of \$150. This was der Ahe says Comiskey had \$5,000. This year he is capitain of the Chicago Pla engue team. His salary is said to be \$6,500,

Comiskey had great success with the St. Louis Browns, and is generally considered as one of the greatest of captains. As a ball player and handler of young men he has been as successful as any other man in the business. Anson and Harry Wright are his only rivals in this respect. What he can do with seasoned veteran players who will not be driven remains to be seen.

One of the most agreeable of men, and one little known to the public, is Frank De meball magnates as well as one of the e general verdict in Cleveland, where he resides, is that he is an all round good fellow and a successful business man.

Mr. Robison owns one-fifth of the stock of the Cloveland National League club and is producent of the ermanisation. In his rivate business he is president of the Su-erior street, St. Cinir street and Payne came areast railroad lines, president of New Cleveland Cable Road company, it present engaged in inying cable and lines on each of the above three. In addition to that he is a member of the firm of Hathaway & Robison, street railroad con-

Mr. Robison is a popular man in Cleveland and has been a progressive manager. He has always been liberal and fair with his players, and when the Piayers' league started the men were mostly very sorry to leave him, and three or four of them absolutely refused to go when it came to a point. The personal popularity of Mr. P been has been sufficient to give his club nearly a half share in the Cleveland

baseball patronage.
One of the most able and shrewd men in baseball today is Aaron S. Stern, the president of the Cincinnati club. He has well been called "the little giant." His introduction as a magnate was a novel experionce. While sitting in his office in the spring of \$20-for Mr. Stern is about forty years ald and is one of Cincinnati's cloth-ing princes he was naked to buy \$300 worth of ball stock. He had then seen but few games in his life, and not knowing what it was he thought he would take changes on a "liver" of that sort and he Thirty days afterward ne was pressured of the Cincinnati club. He held the helm until 1885, when he sold out to the Mesers Herancourt. John Hough bought the club in 1889. In 1887 Mr. Stein once more be came the owner of the Cincinnati cluj and holds it today.

Mr. Stern is a man who is very popular with his associates. He has wealth enough to care very little whether his club makes money or not. It is said of him that with one or two isolated exceptions he has never

fined a player during his connection with the club, and he is generally considered as being a liberal and progressive man. In 1889 Mr. Stern resigned from the American association and took his club into the National league, where the team has given an account of itself that has as-tonished the critics and made the baseball fiends of Cincinnati wild with enthusiasm. The most substantial proof of this was an attendance aggregating nearly 15,000 at the Fourth of July games, which I understand takes the record for Cincinnati.

W. I. HARRIS.

HARRY STOVEY.

One of the Boston Players' League Club's Best Meth

Harry Stovey, who left the American association to play with the Players' league has proved a great acquisition to the Boston club of that organization. He is one



HARRY STOVET.

every position. As a base runner be is a most brilliant success, and his slides to bases are accomplished with such apparent disregard of life or limb that it is no unusual occurrence for him to ruin two pairs of trousers in a single game.

His hitting has been terrific of late and his fielding has stamped him as by all odds the best right fielder that has ever played in a Boston club. Stovey plays ball all the time, and nothing but an injury can keep him off the field. Personally he is well liked, being of a genial disposition and emperate in his habits.

Last sesson while with the Athletics he tood fifth with Ray, of Baltimore, in the individual batting list. During the season he made 19 home runs, 14 three baggers and 37 two baggers, a total of 192 bases. His nearest competitor was Halliday, of sition as left fielder he stood fifth. Res ly Stovey made in one week, playing in six games, 4 singles, 1 double, 2 three bag-gers and a home run. As a base runner Stovey has no superiors in the Players

Disabled on the Diamond. Dave Orr's recent accident was most unfortunate for the Brooklyn Players, club, vray.
as it took from them one of the best first Mrs. McDermott, who is separated from



DAVE ORR.

with the Columbus team of the american, association last season and did exception ally fine work. He stood fifth in the indi vidual batting records of the association. with an average of .325. Tucker, of Balti-more, led the association with a percentage of .875. As a first baseman Orr stood at the top of the list. He played in 184 games scored 1,287 put outs, made 57 assists and only 20 errors. Out chances offered he accepted 1,544. Out of 1,584

Plorida Bears' Free Lunch House Black bears are resping a great harvest of turble eggs on the beach opposite Mel-bourne. F J. Webb tells of one old bear and two cubs that have had a regular beat for the past ten days between his cottage and the House of Refuge, a distance of three or four miles. Sunday night the three despoiled thirteen nests between midnight and morning.—Savannah News.

OARSMEN.

The recent victories the eight cared crew of Corneil university has won have caused impromptu expressions from the authorities of the college that better facilities for athletic contests on both hand and water should in the future be furnished to the students. It is thought that quite a boom will take place in this line at the college next fall. Charles E. Cortney, the college crew coach, is receiving much praise from the students for his successful efforts.

· The professional earsmen, Haulan, Ross, Lee, Plaisted, Teemer, Gandaur, Hosmer and McKay, have made arrangements for entering the races of the Duluth-Superior Regatta association on July 21-26. The decision of the Minnesota and Winnipeg Rowing association to hold its regatta in njunction with the Duluth-Superior will add greatly to the latter, and western ours-

men consider it a good move. The last victory of Kemp over Matter son, the two professionals who have rowed two races in Australia recently, was won by over a minute, and it has decided in the inds of Australians who is the better of the two.

An English rowing critic predicts that Charles G. Psetta, the American who is now there to take part in the Henley regatta, will show a repetition of the form be displayed last year. He says: "Paotta will end for a short distance and will be pulled down after half way by Nickalia. alls is the Englishman who beat the enter-prising American last year. He describes Photta's stroke as nervous and jerky. Photta's a very signify truiner and has besten all American smuteurs at single souli. Nickalls is very large in body, standing four inches tailer and weighing thirty pounds more than his American op"ORIGINAL GENE" MERCADIER.

A Man Who Swims with His Arms and Legs Bound. "Original Gene" Mercadier is the nam of a natatorial artist who has become quite

famous as a swimmer without use of arms or legs. Although by nature gifted with four extremities of regulation style and power he scorns their aid, and, as the picture allows him, devotes himself to swim-ming with arms and legs securely bound with rope. He is a native of St. Louis, having been been there Sept. 13, 1865, which makes him a little over 34 years of age. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall, very symmetrically built and weighs, in condition, about 125 pounds. He was 16 years of age when he swam his

first race, defeating William Lucas, a local swimmer, at two miles. His next

race of note was June 20, 1885, when he beat Herman Kock in a three mile race: He then isined the St. Louis Rowing club, and was im mediately challenged by William championship The latter won first swimming prize at the Cincinnati Turn Fest last year. Mercadier won the race, one mile, by ten yards. Hoersler was not satisfied with this, and in a return match

"ORIGINAL GENE." was beaten by 100 vards. Mercadier has won innumerable prizes at exhibition swimming, and many of his trick performances have never been

attempted by any other swimmer. One of his latest achievements was swimning the East River, at New York, with his arms and legs bound and a two pound dumbbell in each hund. He has recently accepted a challenge to swim Capt. Jack Williams at any distance and in any man-ner. Mercadier has already saved fifteen persons from a watery grave and is justly proud of it.

MRS. JESSIE M'DERMOTT.

Tangled Up with the Dauvray-Ward Scar dal and Going on the Stage. Mrs. Jessie McDermott, a beautiful New York woman, will, it is said, appear on the stage before long. She is said to have been the cause of the separation between John



MRS. JESSIE M'DERMOTT. Ward, the famous ball player, and his no less famous wife, who was known to all the

basemen in the country, and at a time her husband, is 22 years old and was born when he could hardly to spared. It will be in Rockland, Me. It is not generally known remembered that Dave had two ribs broken | that she is endowed with any very won by a pitched ball in one of the recent Bos- derful gifts as an actress, and it is said ton games. He continued to play until he was threatened with crysipelas. Orr was the through the hope of becoming successful because of the notoriety which she has gained in her connection with the Ward

THE WHEEL.

A bicycle racing man predicts that in the | Ave. future the ordinary, or high wheel, will be entirely superseded by the low wheel, or for racing purposes. Not only are falls less dangerous on a low wheel, but the friction of the gear wheels is being so reduced that more speed will be obtained by the average rider on the low wheels The safeties were rather ridiculed when they first came out.

Ricycle riding is becoming so prevalens, and the speed through city streets with the use of autolies having been considerably increased, that press criticisms on reckless riding have been written in journals in several large cities of the United States. Riders feel comparatively at ease on a safety machine, and these have been improved so lately that their use is exceeding the expectations of those who at first tried so hard to make known their good points. One of New York's Crack Players.

Dick Johnston commenced the season of 1990 with the Boston club of the Players' league, playing in the out field. His fielding and throwing were unexcelled and were always a feature of the games



in which he took part. Owing to some misunderstanding with Capt. Kelly, it is said, he was not given much chance to play. The New York management knew a good thing when they saw it and commenced negotiations for his release. They were successful, and Johnston went to New York. He is playing good ball this season, and will no doubt justify the expectations of the club that secured his services. The ploture is taken from the col lection of Nick Engle, the veteran patron of baseball

There is a professional sculler in Australia who is being kept under ower, but advices say that he gives indications of being a world beater. He is very cleanly built and weighs 120 pounds in racing

Coquette Versus Beauty. A born coquette is more dangerous than a beauty. She inherits a better legacy than wealth, for while money gives life its cushion beauty gives its color and coquetry makes it sparkle. The coquette will go on with her conquests while there is a man left in the world with a heart in his bosom. There is a woman in New York who keeps a big boarding school for the education of coquettes, and instead of walking on rose leaves she trends on golden eagles. Scale at her performances are secured two years in advance, and to make the application you par a handsome deposit. There

haustive exacuinations, no tedious mem-ory keesna and no increasant eternal and intolerable smashing of piano keys. Aspirants for degrees can go to the Har-vard annex. Would be grehadiers are directed to Holyoke and Columbia, and blue stockings are advised to enter local high schools and universities for intellectual force. Here coquetry is fostered and no secret is made about it, either. Square shoulders are rounded into De Milo grace; flat soles are raised by judicious foot coverings; high foreheads sheltered by kiss curis; harsh voices lowered a whole tone angular elbows turned in; stiff joints loss ened and every symptom of a strong mind rigidly suppressed. The pupil is sweetened, softened and curved. She is carefully in-structed to know nothing and to do nothing that will rob a grace or mar a smile.

And does she pay? Doesn't she! Drop her in the village lane or quiet promenade of her native city, and see if she is not gobbled up by the most promising young lawyer or most prominent elor in the town.—New York World.

His Frau Too Tight. Some funny thingstake place in a photo-

graph gallery. Once in the early days a good German came to have his frau taken full length to send home, that his old neighbors might for themselves see how handsome she had grown. He had spared no expense to buy her a handsome new gown for the occasion, and it was made up in the latest style when she came to have her daguerrectype taken. We posed her and propped up her head with the nippers, and there she was, the stiffest, most unlovely specimen of a woman that over was seen You know it took some time to burn in a daguerrectype, and she began to look farged before the process was completed.

The operator clapped on the cap at last and ran into the dark room with the negative, leaving her standing. Presently he beard an awful crash, as though the house was tumbling down. Running out he found the husbend hopping around, wring-ing his hands and distractedly crying, "She too tight! She too tight!" His fran had fallen over backward through the background in a dead faint. The operator took in the situation at a glance, and opening her dress ripped her corset strings with one thrust of his knife, when he vows he will never forget to his dying day how a woman he took to be slender seemed suddenly to bulge out into immense pro-portions. She had veritably laced "within an inch of her life" to have a picture for home folks taken.-Interview in Washing ton Herald.

Suburban Days. The summer is here in her beauty arrayed, And sweet is the breath of the clover, But it brings little joy to the beautiful maid, For her nose is frecitled all over.

COLLEGE BRIEFS.

The Indiana university at Bloomington has received from the state \$1,204,600. The Louisiana State Agricultural and Mechanical college, Baton Rouge, La., re-alized \$195,200 from the sale of state bonds. School teachers in Brooklyn, N. Y., can now lose fifteen days a year through sick-ness without having anything deducted



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